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Quarterly Report for EPA's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Grants
NESCAUM Data Project
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- ☐ Oct-Dec (due last working day Jan)
- ☐ Jan-Mar (due last working day Apr)
- ☐ Apr-Jun (due last working day Jul)
- ☒ Jul-Sep (due last working day Oct)

I. Project Information

Agency: NESCAUM

Project Title: Air Compliance & Enforcement Data Quality Improvement Project

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II. Status of Project Milestones

Task 1. Upgrade Universal Interface for Action Linking

<i>Project Milestones</i>	<i>Anticipated Completion Date</i>	<i>Completion Date/status</i>
Develop survey for states and EPA on action linking needs	3/31/02	Completed
Survey states on action linking and develop task list from UI survey	5/15/02	Completed
Hire contractor for UI upgrades	6/30/02	Completed
Draft UI developed	10/31/02	Underway
Draft UI comment period	12/1/02	
Revise upgraded UI	1/15/03	

Test upgraded UI	3/31/03	
Implement use of UI	6/15/03	
Provide training on UI upgrade	6/15/03	
Provide technical support for UI upgrade	4/1/03- 12/31/03	
Gather measurement Data for UI upgrade	6/30/03- 3/31/04	
Evaluate UI efforts	10/1/03- 9/30/04	

Task 2. Develop Quality Assurance Plans

<i>Project Milestones</i>	<i>Anticipated Completion Date</i>	<i>Completion Date/status</i>
Identify QAP pilot states	3/1/02	Completed
Interview states re: data management issues	3/31/02	Completed
Develop generic state QAP	3/31/03	Underway
Develop prototype review system	3/31/03	
Develop QAP protocols with EPA	9/30/02	
Develop and implement state-specific QAPs systems	6/30/03	
Gather measurement data on QAP effort	12/31/03	
Evaluate QAP efforts	7/1/03- 8/31/04	

Task 3. Public Access

<i>Project Milestones</i>	<i>Anticipated Completion Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Survey states on CE data issues	5/15/02	Underway
Develop draft access/QC model	6/30/03	
Develop QC data strategies	12/31/03	
Develop enforcement data information pool	3/31/04	
Develop public information strategies	3/31/04	
Gather public access measurement data	9/1/04	
Evaluate public access efforts	9/1/04	

Task 4. Data Reconciliation

<i>Project Milestones</i>	<i>Anticipated Completion Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Identify state needs for data reconciliation	6/30/02	Underway
Identify relevant data sources	9/30/02	Underway
Develop methods to compare data sources with state and federal data systems	12/31/02	
Develop reports to identify inconsistencies	6/30/03	
Provide updated information for AFS data entry	6/30/03	
Investigate methods to automate cross-reference process	12/31/03	
Evaluate data reconciliation efforts	9/30/04	

III. Status of Project Completion

There has been a delay in beginning the public access portion of this project. This delay has been due in part to the delay in EPA's release of ECHO. The NESCAUM project partners have suggested that it will be difficult to determine what additional information they would provide to the public without first receiving response to ECHO. NESCAUM will complete the initial portion of the public access piece this fall, regardless of the status of ECHO. While this delay is a setback, NESCAUM does not anticipate that this will lead to any significant delays in the project.

IV. Results

Attached to this report, NESCAUM has provided copies of the following items:

- UI Upgrade Survey
- Report on UI Survey Results
- Draft Screens for UI upgrade

V. Other

None to report at this time.